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SUBJECT: SOVIET-PRC 1976 TRADE AGREEMENT SIGNED IN PEKING

1. SOVIET PRESS OVER PAST WEEKEND (PRAVDA MAY 23) CARRIES  
BRIEF TASS DESPATCH ANNOUNCING SIGNATURE IN PEKING OF USSR-PRC  
TRADE AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT FOR YEAR 1976.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT STATES THAT SOVIET DELEGATION WAS LED BY DEPUTY  
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MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE I.T. GRISHIN WHO MET WITH PRC MINISTER  
OF FOREIGN TRADE LI CH'ANG PRIOR TO SIGNING CEREMONIES. SOVIET

AMBASSADOR TO PEKING V.S. TOLSTIKOV ALSO TOOK PART ON CONVERSATIONS.

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT SOME FIGURES ON VALUE OF TARGETED 1976 TWO-WAY TRADE AND ALSO COMMODITIES INVOLVED WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE BUT WE DOUBT THAT THERE ARE ANY MAJOR CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS ANNUAL PATTERNS. TWO-WAY TRADE IN 1975 WAS REPORTEDLY PLANNED AT ABOUT 215 MILLION RUBLES AND ACTUAL TWO-WAY TRADE IN 1974 WAS 213.9 MILLION ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL SOVIET FIGURES. OFFICIAL SOVIET FIGURES FOR 1975 TRADE HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED.

4. THIS YEAR'S SIGNATURE IN MID-MAY APPEARS TO BE APPROXIMATELY ON SCHEDULE. LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT WAS NOT CONCLUDED UNTIL LATE IN JULY BECAUSE OF DECISION TO SWITCH TO CURRENT WORLD MARKET PRICES AND DISAGREEMENT ON JUST WHAT THOSE PRICES WERE.  
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